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SUBJ: DAYAN APPEARANCE AT LABOR PARTY GATHERING

ROME FOR ASST SEC SISCO

1. IN APPEARANCE BEFORE LABOR PARTY FUNCTIONARIES NOV 10 AT SETTLEMENT NEAR TEL AVIV, DEENSE MINISTER DAYAN PRAISED US EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS, CALLED ON ISRAELIS TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR POLITICAL STRUGGLE LYING AHEAD AND STATED THAT HE WAS READY FOR FAR REACHING CONCESSIONS WITHIN CONTEXT OF NEGOTIATIONS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF HIS REMARKS AS EXCERPTED FROM PRESS (OFFICIAL TEXT NOT ISSUED).

2. NEGOTIATIONS. DAYAN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "WE HAVE TO READY OURSELVES FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON EVERYTHING--GAZA, JERUSALEM, THE GOLAN HEIGHTS--AS EVERYTHING WILL BE PUT ON THE TABLE. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER ALL THIS WILL BE DECIDED WITHIN A FEW MONTHS, BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR A STRUGGLE.18"DAYAN STRESSED NEED FOR

RETHINKING ISRAEL'S POSITION ON VARIOUS ISSUES AS NEGOTIATIONS GET UNDERWAY. HE SAID "WE MUST LOOK DEEP INTO OURSELVES TO WEIGHT WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE DONE." FOR HIS PART, DAYAN SAID HE WAS READY FOR FAR REACHING CONCESSIONS, BUT DID NOT RECOMMEND ENTERING TALKS WITH A READY-MADE MAP."

3. US ROME. DAYAN NOTED US EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS AND STRESSED US FRIENDSHIP FOR ISRAEL. HE SAID "I CANNOT OVEREMPHASIZE HOW THE US HAS FULFILLED ITS COMMITMENT TO THE LAST POINT AND HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE TO THEM FOR IT." DAYAN ALSO STATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE US OVER POLICY AND PACE OF NEGOTIATIONS BUT NOTED THAT US WAS ALSO UNDER PRESSURE FROM A EUROPE AND A JAPAN SUBJECT TO ARAB OIL BLACK-MAIL. HE SAID "THE US EFFORT TO REACH A SETTLEMENT WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES IS NOTHING NEW. WE MUST APPRECIATE THE US RELATIONSHIP OF FRIENDSHIP TOWARD ISRAEL AND WE MUST WELL REMEMBER ALL THE AID THE US HAS GIVEN US. HOWEVER, AS FAR AS DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE US ARE CONCERNED, WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT THE US HAS OIL PROBLEMS AND THAT RELATIONS WITH EUROPE ARE ALSO IMPORTANT TO THE US."

4. SOVIET STANCE. DAYAN CITED GREATER READINESS THAN BEFORE OF USSR TO INTERVENE DIRECTLY AND ACTIVELY IN MIDDLE EAST AS ONE OF GRAVEST ASPECTS OF PRESENT SITUATION. HE NOTED THAT US GLOBAL ALERT "CAME IN RESPONSE TO A VERY REAL THREAT, WITH THE SOVIET UNION MOBILIZING UNITS AND THREATENING TO COME IN AND SUPPLY THE EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY BY THEMSELVES. THESE THREATS WERE NOT EMPTY ONES."

5. INTERNAL UNITY. DAYAN CALLED ON NATION TO STAND FIRM AND UNITED IN FACE OF MOST FATEFUL TEST IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY. WHILE FAULTS MUST BE BARED, THERE MUST BE NO SETTLING OR PERSONAL OR POLITICAL ACCOUNTS AT THIS MOMENT OF TRIAL. HE SAID "THERE IS NO NEED FOR SELF-PITY. ALL WE NEED DO IS STRENGTHEN OUR INNER CONVICTION. IT IS NOT JUST A QUESTION OF MAINTAINING OUR MILITARY MIGHT, BUT THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE MUST FACE UP TO DIFFICULT TIMES...WE HAVE TO REALIZE THE HARSH FACTS OF LIFE AND KNOW THAT THE FUTURE MIGHT ENTAIL MORE PRESSURES."

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